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UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Thomas D. HANAN for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FAIL-OVER SWITCHING IN A DISK STORAGE MEDIUM.

- [x] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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Also enclosed are:

- [x] 5 sheet(s) of [x] formal [] informal drawing(s);
- [] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to _ filed in _ on _;
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- [] a patent application data sheet; and
- [] Other: _____.
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- [x] also is enclosed [] will follow.
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--This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _--.
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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					\$740.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed					\$40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$780.00

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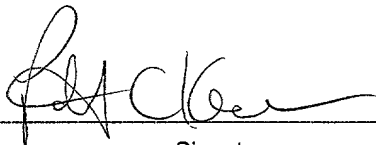
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Atty Docket Number	K35A0988

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Nov. 30, 2001

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